

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF PROPOSED POLICY

Public Act 280 of 1939, as amended, and consultation guidelines for Medicaid policy provide an opportunity to review proposed changes in Medicaid policies and procedures.

Please review the policy summary and the attached materials that describe the specific changes being proposed. Let us know why you support the change or oppose the change.

Submit your comments to the analyst by the due date specified. Your comments must be received by the due date to be considered for the final policy bulletin.

Thank you for participating in the consultation process.



Director, Program Policy Division
Bureau of Medicaid Policy and Actuarial Services

Project Number:	0510-CSHCS	Comments Due:	5/27/05	Proposed Effective Date:	August 1, 2005
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Policy Subject: Changes to CSHCS Travel Assistance Policy

Affected Programs: Children's Special Health Care Services

Distribution: Local Health Departments
Hospitals

Policy Summary:

Changes to CSHCS travel assistance policy regarding reimbursement for in-state meal expenses, mileage, and air travel. CSHCS clients who have a payment agreement are now eligible for in-state travel assistance when they meet travel assistance eligibility criteria.

Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Community Health
Medical Services Administration

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Issued: July 1, 2005 (Proposed)

Subject: Changes to CSHCS Travel Assistance Policy

Effective: August 1, 2005 (Proposed)

Programs Affected: Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)

The following changes to the CSHCS travel assistance policy are effective August 1, 2005:

- CSHCS no longer provides reimbursement for in-state meal expenses incurred as a result of approved inpatient or outpatient overnight or daily stays for CSHCS enrolled clients and/or the accompanying adult. Authorizations given prior to the August 1, 2005 effective date of the policy change will be reimbursed. The policy change also applies to hospitals that supply meal tickets for parents/caregivers of hospitalized children.
- The CSHCS mileage reimbursement is increased to twelve cents per mile.
- CSHCS clients who have a payment agreement are now eligible for in-state travel assistance when they meet travel assistance eligibility criteria.
- Families cannot be reimbursed for airline tickets they have booked themselves, unless prior approval to purchase the tickets was obtained from MDCH.
- Travel reimbursement amounts can be accessed on the MDCH website.